

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT: WEST SIDE SWCD**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR:**  
2020

**PERIOD:**  
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

**DUE :**  
**DECEMBER 21, 2020**

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report For the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report and supporting documents shall be Kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

  
Board Supervisor Signature

WADE BECKMAN, Chairman  
Printed Name

WADE BECKMAN 12-11-2020  
Date

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### District Operations Accomplishments

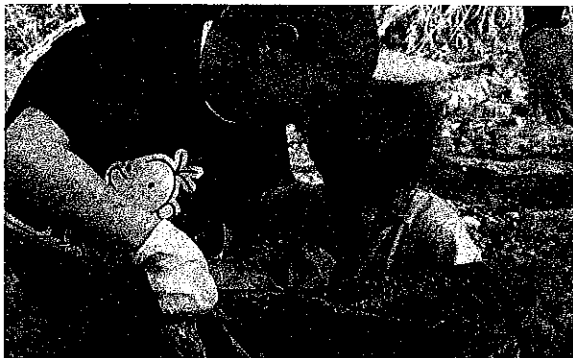
- District Administrative Assistant will continue to attend all available training and provide training to other employees of Division VI. The District Employee and Supervisors will attend or hold public work group meetings, workshops and work with staff from the NRCS, FSA, IASCD, and ISWCC.
- The West Side SWCD will continue to work with the East Side SWCD, local media, and other partners to promote District programs in order to reach the public to encourage participation on community projects.
- The District will continue to provide information and assistance on the Natural Resource Camp, Speech Contest, Poster Contest, Envirothon and IDEA. The District will provide all necessary materials and scholarship funds as needed for students to be able to participate and attend these functions.



Learning how to fish at the Natural Resource Camp

### District Information & Education Programs

The Adopt-A-Canal will be in its 29<sup>th</sup> Year. Canals did not get cleaned this year due to early water and the Covid 19 virus but will hopefully be held in 2021



Teaching the next generation the importance of clean water



Westside Chairman Jim Dixon with 2019-2020 Poster Winner from the American Heritage Charter School

### Future Projects

- The West Side SWCD will continue to focus on the requirements outlined in their annual and 5-Year Plan. As well with continued support to the RC&D Cloud seeding project.
- The West Side SWCD will continue to assist all residents in the West Side SWCD (Western Bonneville and Central Jefferson areas with their soil and water conservation needs with available technical and educational resources and so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.



Chairman Jim Dixon taking a group of young adults with disabilities on a tour of his potato fields to show them how potatoes grow and where their food comes from.



Jim Dixon with the group of young adults seeing firsthand how the spuds are dug by riding on the digger, Jim plans to continue this project, although retired from the board.



West Side Board members will be over a hot grill cooking lunch for the 2021 East Side Tour. The 2020 East Side Tour was cancelled due to the Covid Virus, but hopefully will be held in 2021



The West Side Soil & Water Conservation District used capacity building funds during the 2020 year to hold a Soil Health Workshop February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **THE EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF DIVERSITY**

**THE EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF DIVERSITY** was the topic of this year's workshop.

**Key speakers were Christine Jones and Marlon Winger. As well as local area producers, Robert Piquet, Tyson Coles, Rob Geisbrecht, Cameron Williams and Don Lakey. There was a great turnout with over 225 people in attendance. Lunch was served and a Q&A time where Christine Jones along with Marlon Winger and area landowners answered questions from all in attendance and also talked about how some of their projects have worked**

- **At this Time Both West Side and East Side SWCD's have not planned a workshop for 2021 due to the current Covid 19 Virus.**
- **All of the Yearly Projects that Both the West Side and East Side SWCD's hold and participate in were cancelled this year of 2020 Due to The Covid Virus, but plan to continue hopefully in 2021.**